Restructuring FCI

1627. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will in the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated to restructure the Food Corporation of India with a view to improving its functioning to control inefficiencies that increase the food subsidy burden; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH) (a) and (b) The Government has approved the appointment of M/s McKinsey & Co. by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to conduct a study with the objective of bringing about major improvement in the functioning of the FCI to control inefficiencies that increase the food subsidy burden.

The study will be conducted in two phases of three months each at a total cost of Rs. 4.80 crore.

DPS in FCI

1628. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will in the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of non-implementation of the direction of the Supreme Court on Direct Payment System (DPS) in Food Corporation of India in Punjab, as represented by trade unions;

(b) whether 841 workers stand retrenched in 14 depots where DPS was introduced additionally subsequent to the Supreme Court order; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to regularize the retrenched workers and implement DPS in all Depots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH) (a) Sir, the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Direct Payment System (DPS) in the Food Corporation of India in Punjab have been implemented in letter and spirit.